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REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. At its 253rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 2000, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in accordance with rule 14 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following member States: Austria, Bolivia, China, Philippines, Russian Federation, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 17 February 2000.

3. Mr. Ernesto M. Ordoñez (Philippines) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The UNCTAD secretariat informed the Committee of the status of credentials of representatives as at 17 February 2000. Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been submitted by 129 States. The appointment of the representatives of 29 States had been communicated to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD by means of a letter or note verbale or a facsimile from the Permanent Mission in Geneva or New York or the Embassy in Bangkok.

5. The Chairman proposed that the Committee should decide to accept the credentials of the representatives of the member States referred to in paragraph 4. In connection with the credentials which had not yet been submitted in due form, the Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the assurances given by the representatives concerned, on the understanding that their credentials, in conformity with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, would be submitted promptly to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD. There was no objection to this proposal.

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6. The Chairman then proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

"*The Credentials Committee,*

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives of the tenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

"*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives to the tenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and recommends to the Conference that it approve the report of the Credentials Committee."

7. The Committee adopted the above draft resolution without a vote.

8. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

"*The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,*

"*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."

9. The Committee endorsed the above proposal without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.